Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a graphical user interface, the method comprising:

storing a graphic file created by a multi-layered type computer ~~program-~~, the graphic file ~~and having a multiple-layer structure~~ containing a list of control objects, wherein each control object is in at least one layer, dictates at least one attribute of a control element and ~~and at least one control object, each control object~~ is ~~in a separate layer~~ editable by a user; and

~~launching~~ creating an application program other than the multi-layered type computer program to access the graphic file and to display a control element from the graphic file on the graphical user interface, the control element having at least one attribute dictated by one of the control objects in the at least one layer of the graphic file.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 2~~ 1, wherein the at least one layer of the first control object is grouped with the other layers in the graphic file ~~of the second control object.~~

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the control element is an edit control to manipulate a time-based stream of information.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the <u>at least one</u> attribute is <u>at least one of</u> an appearance <u>and,</u> location <u>and</u> or size <u>and element type and state and function and behavior in a particular environment</u>.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

a storage;

a display device; and

a processor <u>coupled to the display device and the storage</u> for:

storing a graphic file created by a multi-layered type computer program, <u>the graphic file containing a list of control objects, wherein each control object is in at least one layer,</u> dictates at least one attribute of a control element and is editable by a user <s>and having a multiple layer structure and at least one control object, each control object in a separate layer;</s> and

launching an application program other than the multi-layered type computer program to access the graphic file and to display a control element from the graphic file on the graphical user interface, the control element having at least

one attribute dictated by one of the control objects <u>in the at least one layer of</u> <u>the graphic file</u>.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~10~~ <u>9</u>, wherein the <u>at least one</u> layer ~~of the~~ ~~first control object~~ is grouped with ~~the~~ <u>other</u> layer<u>s</u> ~~of the second control object~~.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the control element is an edit control to manipulate a time-based stream of information.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the <u>at least one</u> attribute is <u>at</u> <u>least one of</u> an appearance~~,~~ <u>and</u> location ~~or~~ <u>and</u> size <u>and element type and state and</u> <u>function and behavior in a particular environment</u>~~.~~

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A system for producing a graphical user interface, comprising: means for storing a graphic file created by a multi-layered type computer program~~,~~<u>, the</u> <u>graphic file containing a list of control objects, wherein each control object is in at least</u>

one layer, dictates at least one attribute of a control element and is editable by a user ~~and~~

~~having a multiple layer structure and at least one control object, each control object in a~~

~~separate layer;~~ and

means for ~~launching~~ creating an application program other than the multi-layered

type computer program to access the graphic file and to display a control element from

the graphic file on the graphical user interface, the control element having at least one

attribute dictated by one of the control objects in the at least one layer of the graphic file.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~18~~ 17, wherein the at least one layer ~~of the~~

~~first control object~~ is grouped with ~~the~~ other layers ~~of the second control object~~.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) The system of claim 17, where in the control element is an edit control to

manipulate a time-based stream of information.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the at least one attribute is at

least one of an appearance and, location ~~or~~ and size and element type and state and

function and behavior in a particular environment.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having stored executable instructions, which, when executed by a computer system for producing a graphical user interface, cause the computer system to:

store a graphic file created by a multi-layered type computer program ~~and having a multiple layer structure and at least one control object, each control object in a separate layer,~~ wherein each control object is in at least one layer, dictates at least one attribute of a control element and is editable by a user; and

create ~~launch~~ an application program other than the multi-layered type computer program to access the graphic file and to display a control element from the graphic file on the graphical user interface, the control element having at least one attribute dictated by one of the control objects in the at least one layer of the graphic file.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim ~~26~~ 25, wherein the at least one layer ~~of the first control object~~ is grouped with ~~the~~ other layers ~~of the second control object~~.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the control element is an edit control to manipulate a time-based stream of information.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the at least one attribute is at least one of an appearance, and location or and size and element type and state and function and behavior in a particular environment.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the at least one layer is linked with other layers.

34. (New) The computer system of claim 9, wherein the at least one layer is linked with other layers.

35. (New) The system of claim 17, wherein the at least one layer is linked with other layers.

36. (New) The medium of claim 25, wherein the at least one layer is linked with other layers.

37. (New) A method for producing a graphical user interface, the method comprising:

creating a graphic file containing a list of layers, wherein each layer dictates at least one attribute of a control element and wherein each layer is editable by a user;

creating an application program to access the graphic file and to display a control element from the graphic file on the graphical user interface, the control element having at least one attribute dictated by one layer of the graphic file; and

storing the graphic file and the application program.

38. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the graphic file is created using a program other than the application program.

39. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the layers are grouped.

40. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the layers are linked.

41. (New) A system for producing a graphical user interface, comprising:

means for storing a graphic file containing a list of layers, wherein each layer dictates at least one attribute of a control element and wherein each layer is editable by a user; and

means for storing an application program to access the graphic file and to display a control element from the graphic file on the graphical user interface, the control element having at least one attribute dictated by one layer of the graphic file.

42. (New) The system of claim 41 wherein the graphic file is created using a program other than the application program.

43. (New) The system of claim 41 wherein the layers are grouped.

44. (New) The system of claim 41 wherein the layers are linked.

45. (New) A computer readable medium having stored executable instructions, which, when executed by a computer system for producing a graphical user interface, cause the computer system to:

store a graphic file containing a list of layers, wherein each layer dictates at least one attribute of a control element and wherein each layer is editable by a user; and

store an application program to access the graphic file and to display a control element from the graphic file on the graphical user interface, the control element having at least one attribute dictated by one layer of the graphic file.

46. (New) The medium of claim 45 wherein the graphic file is created using a program other than the application program.

47. (New) The medium of claim 45 wherein the layers are grouped.

48. (New) The medium of claim 45 wherein the layers are linked.